

REMARKS

Claims 22-39 are currently pending in the application.

The following remarks are presented as a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed on January 10, 2005.

On December 29, 2004, the Examiner contacted Applicant's attorney by telephone regarding a restriction of claim 1-39. But in a Preliminary Amendment (filed with the present application and dated September 17, 2003), Applicant had already cancelled Claims 1-21.

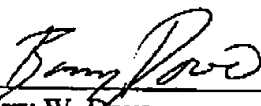
On January 10, 2005, an Office Action was mailed based upon Claims 1-21. The rejections of Claims 1-21 are thus moot because Claims 1-21 were cancelled.

Because Applicant cancelled Claims 1-21 in the Preliminary Amendment dated September 17, 2003, and per the Examiner's suggestion (via telephone), Applicant respectfully asks that the Patent Office please examine Claims 22-39. Therefore, Applicant hereby formally elects Claims 22-39 (as amended on September 17, 2003). for examination on the merits

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and requests that the case be passed to issuance. If the Examiner should have any questions, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at the address below. No fee is believed due in connection with this filing. However, in the event that there are any fees due, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1065.

Respectfully submitted,

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